



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**
November 7, 2023

Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social at 5:30 p.m. Meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Rotary's Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1.) Is it the TRUTH? 2.) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3.) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4.) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Our speaker this evening is Jeff Morden, Grants Writer with Texas Public Radio (TPR). The mission of Texas Public Radio's is to engage, inspire and inform, to empower our community to make life better. With seven stations across central and south Texas, TPR serves people seeking news, information, or community engagement, audiences for live performances, music lovers, and more.



As TPR's Grant Writer, Jeff is responsible for identifying grant opportunities, coordinating applications and administering grant awards. With more than 30 years of experience in fundraising, development, program administration, and contract compliance, Jeff is responsible for administering a 50-75 grant/prospects portfolio, with a goal of coordinating \$500,000 to \$1M per year in successful grants.

Jeff has a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Mass Media from The University of San Diego (CA). He also has a Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from Saddleback College (Mission Viejo, CA).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

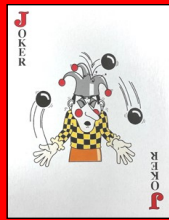
November 21st **No meeting - Happy Thanksgiving**
December 5th **Club Assembly**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dennis and Mary Heath will be celebrating their anniversary on November 14th. Happy Anniversary, Dennis and Mary.

Preston McKinney and his wife, Anne, will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on November 9th. Happy Anniversary, Preston and Anne.

Becky Robles will be celebrating her birthday on November 10th. Happy Birthday, Becky.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is back at \$0. Mr. Lucky, aka Preston McKinney had his ticket drawn at our October 17, 2023 and then proceeded to pull the Joker from the deck. He left after our meeting with an extra \$143.50 in his pocket. Congratulations, Preston.



Where does your \$6 go?

Many club members pay \$6 each week for our meeting. But not everyone knows where the \$6 goes.

\$1 for our raffle

\$2 to pay for our guest speaker's meal. While all three of the items listed here are voluntary, we greatly encourage all to donate towards our speaker's meal.

\$3 to your Paul Harris

Through donations from club members, a contribution from Frost Bank, and popcorn sales, we raised \$470 of our \$500 goal for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. You can still contribute to this cause if you wish. Please contact Russell Sturgeon if you would like to help us reach our goal. Thank you. By the way, next year's Walk will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024.



"ROTARY IS NOT JUST ABOUT MEETING; IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HELPING THOSE IN NEED, AND FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH."

- Anonymous Rotarian



District Governor Monica Gutierrez's Message for November

This month's DG message continues to focus on DG visits, but we also had a very successful month supporting our End Polio Now efforts. World Polio Day was on October 24th and we celebrated this month with several club events that not only brought awareness that Polio still exists but also how we as D5840 are doing our part to raise funds to close the gap and eradicate Polio.



I begin with a DG visit to Blanco, TX visiting with the RC of Blanco County and RC of Canyon Lake. There was great fellowship from both clubs as they talked about their upcoming fundraisers. A potential new member was also in attendance showing that it's never too early to get involved. Thank you AG Joyce for coordinating.

I continued to Poteet, TX for the DG visit with the RC of Poteet, RC of Pearsall, and RC of Junction. They held an anti-bullying event at the Poteet Strawberry Festival grounds. The community came together to educate students and parents about anti-bullying programs. Thank you AG Chris for helping coordinate.

On October 14th, I had the most unique DG visit during the eclipse where 8 clubs in San Antonio came together to watch the eclipse and raise funds to eradicate Polio. Huge thanks to AG Dan Clark and AG Jan King for coordinating such a memorable experience. It was a beautiful day at the park for fellowship while taking part in a historical event.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Pints for Polio event in Fredericksburg, TX. All three Rotary clubs came together as part of the DG visit while raising funds for Polio eradication. Each club spoke about how they support their community and how the community supports them. Rotary has a great presence in Fredericksburg and it's all because of these three successful Rotary clubs. Thank you AG Sarah for helping coordinate my visit.

And for those that don't know, Pints for Polio started in 2010 in San Antonio, TX when a few of us were preparing to travel to northern India to participate on a National Immunization Day. We wanted to raise money to eradicate Polio but also to support our sponsoring club in India. I'm so proud to see that 13 years later D5840 has so many Pints for Polio events to support our efforts to #EndPolioNow.

Finally, I must mention our World Polio Day Challenge where each member of the club was encouraged to donate \$25 online towards the PolioPlus fund so that the club with most members participating would win \$1,000. Even with the website glitches a few experienced throughout the day we still had a great turnout. We hit a record for most contributions on a single day. Winning club will be announced soon. November is Foundation month and I look forward to our continued support for our Rotary Foundation.

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, January 13th, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek United Methodist Church, 28970 Old Fredericksburg Rd, Fair Oaks, TX 78015. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration closes on January 6th. No walk-ins allowed.



The institute is \$50 and is open to all Rotarians. The club will reimburse the club members that wish to sign up. [Click to Register.](#)

RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will enjoy a program that is well-planned and presented by district leaders. There is great inter-action amongst attendees and you will learn quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary. This program will prove invaluable in preparing you or your fellow Rotarians for leadership positions within your club and district. RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service. For questions, contact PDG Kathy Hubbard at monk7105@gmail.com.

Our speaker on October 17th was Ashley O'Leary. Ashley works for Corazon San Antonio. She is the Director of a program called Deborah's House, an organization that provides a safe supportive transitional living environment for women in recovery. Ashley told us about her background with drug addiction in her past, but she has also have found a new way to live in the previous seven years where God has helped to make her a new person.

Today, Ashley lives her life in a manner that she will do whatever she can to help other women come out of similar life situations that she also struggled with. Ashley provides recovery coaching services, life coaching, physical fitness advice, and whatever her clients might need to support their recovery. Ashley also has helped to open a women and children's home called Redeemer House that provides similar services to Deborah's House but for women with their children through an organization called ONESource. Deborah loves the community here in San Antonio and the recovery community and she works her best to serve wherever she may be called.

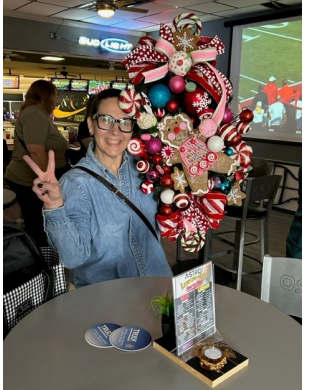
After her very personal and thought provoking presentation, club president Dan Clark presented Ashley with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, Ashley.



We had 12 teams of bowlers come out for the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 13th Annual Bowling fundraiser. In addition to the bowling fundraiser, we also held a silent auction and a raffle. The funds raised from this event go towards awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior from Madison High School, and also towards supporting the Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry. In addition, funds raised also go to sponsoring two students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in January 2024. Thanks to all the folks that came out. Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 14th Annual Halloween Bowling fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024.



Thank you!



Waldo, from Where's Waldo fame, and the Great Pumpkin from Charlie Brown; also known as Becky Goering and Dan Clark, represented the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club at this year's More Delightful Than Frightful Halloween event at Morgan's Wonderland on October 31st. Thanks also go out to Becky Robles for donating candy for event. The evening offers a fun, safe Halloween experience for children aged 12 and younger and individuals with special needs of all ages, along with family members and caregivers to go trick-or-treating while they enjoy the unique 25-acre them park and all its attractions that are accessible to everyone.



There are two opportunities to volunteer at Sleep in Heavenly Peace in December. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. The first opportunity bed build is on Saturday, December 9th followed by another bed build on Saturday, December 16th. Please contact Dan Clark if you would like to volunteer for one of these projects. Not able to make it out on either one of these dates? Sleep in Heavenly Peace gladly accepts new twin-sized sheet sets, comforters, and bed-in-a bag; pillows; wood and other construction material for Build Days; and tools. The San Antonio Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at 10616 Sentinel Drive, San Antonio, TX 78217

The Rotary Ice Rink, now in its 4th year, is a gathering place in the heart of downtown San Antonio at Travis Park. The Rotary Ice Rink seeks to create a place of fun and community. But it's also a place of purpose. Your support enables the Rotary Club of San Antonio to fulfill its mission of service to the community. our sponsorship funds Diploma Plus scholarships helping disadvantaged high school seniors graduate high school. You are helping to build safe places to play for children through Kingdom for Kids playground projects. Agribusiness students are able to pursue their dreams of adapting farming to a changing climate through Norman Vestal Scholarships.

